

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 26, 2016**

At 7:22pm, this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. It was advertised in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with Public Law 1975, Chapter 231.

**FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau, followed by a moment of silence.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Dewees, Lischin, Murray, O’Neill, Perri, Piergiovanni, Travagline

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Kwapinski and Acting Chief Newman were also present.

Council President noted that the Mainland Drama Club was running late and we could recognize them later this evening.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Lischin, seconded by Councilman Murray to dispense with the reading of the minutes from April 12, 2016. They have been posted, distributed to Council, and were on file in the Municipal Clerk’s Office.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill –yes; Mr. Perri –yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline –yes; Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**

**103-2016** A Resolution Promoting Daniel T. Mitchell to the Position of Captain of Police

Mayor Chau introduced dignitaries in the audience as follows: Sheriff Frank Balles, Captain of Police Randy Clark, retired, Captain of Police Art Faden, retired; as well as several past and present members of the Northfield Police Department.

Mayor Chau announced that he had the honor to officially appoint one of our longtime Officers who had served the City for many years. Daniel Mitchell was hired as a Patrolman on August 1, 1994; he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2002 and appointed to the rank of Lieutenant in 2007. Dan was appointed Acting Captain for the Northfield Police Department in April of 2013. Dan had served our municipality in a true dedicated fashion that this Department was well known for. Dan has also served an illustrious career in the United States Air Force and National Guard since 1989. Mayor Chau jokingly stated that he didn’t have time to read

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Mitchell's entire resume, as it was 4 pages long, but tonight we would formally promote Daniel Mitchell to the rank of Captain.

Councilman O'Neill motioned, Councilman Perri seconded for the adoption of Resolution 103-2016.

Councilman O'Neill thanked everyone for coming; thanked Captain Mitchell for his service, he thanked Dan's wife and kids and tells them their father has served Northfield proudly and made Northfield a better place. When Councilman O'Neill first came on Council, he did not know Dan, but during the Derecho they spent considerable time together. Dan had provided Councilman O'Neill with a lot of valuable insight. He offered congratulations and wished the best to Captain Mitchell and his family.

Councilman Perri thanked Dan for his service during the time he spent as Mayor. He thanked him for service to the community and the Country.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O'Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –yes; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried to adopt Resolution 103-2016.

Mayor Chau called Captain Mitchell forward, with his wife and kids.

Captain Mitchell introduced his wife Courtney, and children: Daniel, Raquel and Charlie. He also introduced his mom, Monica, and dad, Dan, who were in the audience.

Mayor Chau administered the Oath and offered congratulations. He presented Captain Mitchell with his badge.

Captain Mitchell thanked Mayor Chau and City Council for the opportunity to participate in such a long legacy of great officers and administrators, he learned a lot. He fell in love with Northfield as a child, working at the Rugby. All he had ever known his entire adult life was public service. He left home at the age of 18 to enter the Service and came back to enter Law Enforcement. There was something special about the City of Northfield, and that was the residents who make you happy to come to work every day. He noted that he had best family in the world, they paid the price in the form of sacrifice because of the long hours and time away from home. He thanked the residents who had come out to support him. To his family, friends and fellow officers, he wanted them to go home tonight, and ask themselves why they do what they do, knowing that this job was one that very few people could do. When you answer that question, ask yourself why not. You are very special people. Why not go out of your way to improve quality of life, to help the residents. There was

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nothing selfish about Law Enforcement; it was a selfless career. It was a privilege to work in Northfield. He thanked all for allowing him to serve the City of Northfield. Council President Travagline announced a brief recess.

*At 7:44pm Councilman Piergiovanni excused himself from the rest of the meeting.*

Council President Travagline resumed the meeting.

**PRESENTATION:** Mainland Drama and Forensics Team

Mayor Chau announced a special recognition for the Mainland Drama Team; he asked Councilman Lischin to assist him. The Drama Team received this award for being the State Champion for five consecutive years. He recognized advisor Becky Sannino, coach DJ Abel and faculty advisor Kristen Lavery. He commented that Councilman Lischin suggested they be honored. Mayor Chau stated that if you hadn't seen their last play it was unbelievable. He turned the presentation over to Councilman Lischin.

Councilman Lischin read the following statement:

“Thank all of coming out. I am honored to be here today, giving recognition to this team, even though this is not a traditional sports team, as we have honored here before, but a different form of competition, competition in the forensic arts.

Some of you may be asking, what is NJDFL? Or Forensic Arts? I have to be honest, I was asking the same question. To make it the most simple, I would explain that this is Competition drama, debate, public speaking and interpretation. The competitors participate in 12 different categories, and are judged on their performances. Some individual and some pair or team performances.

As a parent, I have to say, this is the worst spectator sport I have ever been involved with, you drop off your kids at 6am, sometimes earlier, and pick them up at 9 or 10 pm. And parents are not allowed to watch. They perform in individual rooms with judges and their peers, no spectators.

Even though this does not involve a ball or running, it involves planning, teamwork and execution, just as any sport would. Except it involves acting, singing, and public speaking. As we all know, doing anything in front of people is a very hard thing to do.

Unfortunately the high school arts programs don't get the recognition that they fully deserve and are often overshadowed by some other spectator sports like football, baseball and basketball.

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This is why it gives me great pleasure to give honor the dedication of the advisor, Mrs. Sannino, the coach DJ Able, and all the Mainland team. One State Championship is a great achievement, 2 is an amazing feat, but we are now State Champs 5 years running.

Truly an outstanding achievement and a reflection of all your dedication and hard work! Congratulations!”

Mayor Chau called forward Ms. Sannino and Kristen Lavery and then called forth each individual student presenting them with a certificate.

Students included: Amy Anderson, Alexandra Anthony, Julia Arsenis, Genesis Betanco Hernandez, Marlisa Bongiovanni, Alexander Brown, Joshua Bryk, Amanda Cardinal, Megan Castellane, Max Castellano, David Ciorlito, Jessica Clouser, Molly Connolly, Courtney Corson, Levar Davis, Mekhi Davis, Greer Egan, Mia Fabi, Cecily Fantasia, Stefano Ferri, Emerson Fischer, Sydney Freihofer, Hope Greenspun, Kylie Griffith, Amanda Heun, Theresa Hicks, Elizabeth Jackson, Julianna Keenan, Robyn Kimmel, Matthew Lischin, Katharine Little, Nadya Lorick, Shayna Lowenstein, Emily Mack, Hannah McClain, Julie Melton, Victoria Mozitis, Justin Nolan, David Ortiz-Nunez, Kaitlin Perugini, Victoria Pierce, Philip Post, Abigail Richards, Keri Roberts, Gianna Robinson, Sacha Rovins, Gabrielle Schiavone, Mikaela Sheridan, Ajahnae Smith, Robert Splinter, Sara Strenger, Evanthea Tjoumakaris, Rafael Torres, Emily Tran, Siera Troiano, Lauren VandenBerg, Grace Vicente, Alencia Yeoman and Isabella Freon.

Emerson Fischer and Tori Mozitis did an acapella performance, including a skit and musical number.

**PUBLIC HEARING 2016 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

- Introduced as Resolution 80A-2016 on March 22, 2016

**BUDGET RESOLUTIONS**

**100-2016** A Resolution of the City of Northfield, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, Authorizing the Reading of the Budget by Title Only

Councilman Dewees motioned, Councilman O’Neill seconded for the adoption of Resolution 100-2016.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried to adopt Resolution 100-2016.

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**80B-2016**      Final Adoption of the 2016 Municipal Budget

Councilman Murray motioned, Councilman Murray seconded for the adoption of Resolution 80B-2016.

Council President Travagline opened the public session, seeing no one wishing to speak the public session was closed.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried to adopt Resolution 80B-2016.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councilman Perri** - Sewer Inter Local, Planning Board, Senior Citizens

Councilman Perri announced that there would be a senior meeting April 28th at the Library. The Planning Board had one item on their agenda, an extension of a previous application.

**Councilman O’Neill** - Court/Violations, FAN, Library, Shared Services

Councilman O’Neill had nothing to report.

**Councilman Piergiovanni** – Insurance and Safety, Chamber of Commerce, Municipal Alliance, Northfield School

Councilman Piergiovanni was absent.

**Councilman Dewees** - Buildings/Grounds, Athletic Fields, Bike Path, Veterans’ Park, 1st Street Playground, Birch Grove, Public Works, Roads, Engineering, Little League/Babe Ruth, Sign Sub Committee

Councilman Dewees advised that a contractor was in place to start drainage work at the Veteran’s Park, it would be funded using the trust and City funds. He thanked the Department of Public Works for assisting the Boy Scouts by picking up debris which was left after some tree trimming work. He thanked the ACUA as well.

**Councilman Murray** - Finance/Collections, Mainland Regional, Economic Development, Traffic Safety

Councilman Murray had nothing to report.

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**Councilman Lischin** – Fire Department/EMS, Inspections, Code Enforcement, Housing/Zoning, Technology/MRHS Channel 2, Cultural Committee, Green Team, Sign Sub Committee

Councilman Lischin was still exploring shared services for the Inspections Department and would report further at the next meeting. He thanked MRHS video staff and reminds all that the meeting airs the Thursday following each meeting at noon and 7pm. The Concerts at the Park had been scheduled and they are trying to put together another Northfield's Got Talent Program. The July 4th Parade planning had begun, nominations were being sought for Ms. 4th of July and Citizen of the Year. He met with EcoGen, solar vendor, and was hoping to have a RFP for the next meeting; he was also hoping to add the library. He thanked all the volunteers again for the time and effort they put forth.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Chau reminded all of the Memorial Day observance at Veteran's Park; the ceremony committee was very excited and additional participants had been added, including the NCS band and Tori Mozitis who will sing. We would be closing down a portion of the street and the American Legion would be hosting a gathering immediately following our ceremony. Mayor Chau would be working with Acting Chief Newman to revisit our Police promotion procedures, and possibly update them. The NJDOT had not funded our grant request for the reconstruction of Cresson Avenue; we were also denied on the Bikeway Grant application.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Engineer Kwapinski reviewed the Engineer's report. He asked Council how they would like to proceed with the Safe Routes to School Grant application. He suggested possibly Cedar Bridge Road.

Council President Travagline suggested that the Grants Committee address the open grants and recommend projects; he asked for deadline on the safe routes to school's grant.

Engineer Kwapinski replied it was mid-June.

Engineer Kwapinski met with the ACUA and Councilman Perri at the Wilson Drive area regarding the smell; several options were discussed, including additional additive. The ACIA had contacted him about the Redevelopment Grant and were looking to get proposals for the required professionals.

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Councilman Perri suggested that someone contact the NJDOT about the denial of the Cresson Avenue Grant. It's been a good many years since we had been denied.

Councilman Dewees added to his committee report: Council Chambers would be painted this Thursday and, carpet would follow as well as the sound system upgrade.

**RESOLUTIONS/CONSENT AGENDA**

Council President Travagline stated that all matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature, and having been reviewed by Council, will be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any Council Member and if so removed, will be treated as a separate matter. Any items requiring expenditure are supported by a Certification of Availability of Funds.

Solicitor Facenda read Resolution 104-2016 in full for the record. He noted that the agreement would be modified as per comments reflected in the minutes of the work session.

WHEREAS, Max Gurwicz and Sons ("MGS") is the owner of the property located in the Commercial-Multi-Family Zone (C-MF Zone) known as Block 17, Lots 4 and 7-12 located generally in the area of Cresson, Walnut and Burton Avenues and Tilton Road in the City of Northfield.

WHEREAS, it is currently anticipated that the aforesaid property will be developed as a multifamily inclusionary development of up to 265 total units, forty (40) of which will be reserved for affordable households.

WHEREAS, as part of the approval process for the aforesaid development, MGS has requested permission for its contractors/subcontractors to install Temporary Flow Monitoring equipment on the City of Northfield's sewer system in accordance with the CSL Services, Inc. Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "A", as amended.

WHEREAS, City Council, in consultation with the City Engineer, has deemed it appropriate to authorize MGS and its contractors/subcontractors to install Temporary Flow Monitoring equipment on the City of Northfield's sewer system in accordance with the CSL Services, Inc. Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as amended upon the complete satisfaction of the following conditions:

1. MGS shall provide to the City of Northfield a fully executed copy of the Proposal attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as amended; and
2. MGS and its contractors and subcontractors shall all execute and provide to the City of Northfield a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement in

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favor of the City of Northfield and as prepared and in a form acceptable to the Solicitor for the City of Northfield; and

3. MGS and/or its contractors and subcontractors shall name the City of Northfield as an additional insured on each of the insurance policies listed on the Proposal attached as Exhibit "A" prior to the City of Northfield providing access to the sewer system;
4. Representatives from the City of Northfield Engineering and/or Sewer Department must be notified at least 72 hours in advance and must be present on site to allow access to the sewer system for the installation of the monitoring equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Northfield that MGS, by and through its contractors/subcontractors is permitted to proceed as set forth above only upon the complete satisfaction of the Conditions.

Councilman O'Neill motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded for Resolutions 101, 102 and 104-2016 to be voted on by Consent Agenda.

**101-2016** Acknowledging Employment Resignation of Electrical Sub-Code Official

**102-2016** Authorizing Change in Employment Status of Electrical Sub-Code Official

**104-2016** Authorizing Sewer System Maintenance

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O'Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried to vote by consent agenda.

Councilman O'Neill motioned, Councilman Dewees seconded for Resolutions 101, 102 and 104-2016 to be adopted by consent agenda.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O'Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried to adopt by consent agenda.

**ORDINANCE**

Councilman Perri motioned, Councilman O'Neill seconded to introduce Ordinance 7-2016.



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**7-2016** An Ordinance Establishing Fees for the Calculation of Liens Pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:5-54 For The City Of Northfield, County Of Atlantic, State Of New Jersey

*Introduction / No Public Input / Published in the Press of AC 4/30/2016  
2nd Reading / Public Hearing / Final Consideration 5/10/2016*

The Municipal Clerk read the Ordinance, and stated that this is the introduction. The full Ordinance has been posted in the lobby of City Hall and on the City website, and copies were available at no cost in the office of the Municipal Clerk between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday to any member of the public who requested same.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried to introduce Ordinance 7-2016.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** \$1,046,221.50

Councilman Lischin motioned, Councilman Murray seconded, for payment of bills.

Roll call: Mr. Dewees –yes; Mr. Lischin –yes; Mr. Murray –yes; Mr. O’Neill - yes; Mr. Perri – yes; Mr. Piergiovanni –absent; Mr. Travagline – yes; Motion carried.

Council President Travagline read the meeting notices.

At 8:37pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, RMC, Municipal Clerk